

1 Meeting Logistics

Item	NOV Lung Cancer Work Team Monthly Meeting
Date	01/18/2023
Time	2:00-3:00 PM
Location	Microsoft Teams Call
Purpose/Focus	Team will work to meet the following goals identified by PCC
Notetaker	Jennifer King

2 Agenda

ID	Description	Owner	Time
1	Introductions and Roll Call ***	Denise Bleiler	2:00 PM
2	Workplan Updates	Work Group	
3	Member/Other Updates	Work Group	
4	PCC Updates	Denise Bleiler/ Jennifer King	
5	Adjourn		3:00 PM

Attendees: **New participants, please introduce yourself *****

NEXT MEETING: February 15, 2023, 2:00-3:00pm

3 Notes

- **Workplan for 2023 Updates:**
 - Strategy 1. Plan for Regional Tobacco Cessation Providers to begin discussions about radon training to introduce the discussion about “testing home for radon” when conversing with public about smoking cessation. This combination approach of reducing lung cancer through smoking cessation and fixing homes with elevated radon levels was a new approach in 2020 and has been ongoing since then.
 - Updates/Progress:
 - Next Steps:
 - Strategy 2. Year-round radon awareness campaign/attempt to move from real estate driven to cancer concern driven option. Increase media attention, not only during national radon action month (January), but to year-round. Consider Health System Approach via cancer committee to adopt smoking/radon as part of lung health.
 - Updates/Progress:
 - Next Steps:
 - Strategy 3. Identify and promote Lung Cancer Screening education, activities, resources and tools to smoking cessation providers and lung health stakeholders throughout Pennsylvania to raise awareness and increase referrals and access to lung cancer screening services for eligible individuals in need.
 - Updates/Progress:
 - Next Steps:
- **PCC Updates:**
 - **Brenda Anastasio:**
 - **The Cancer Plan draft has been sent out, please review, and send any suggestions or edits to Jennifer.King@lung.org by February 3rd.**

- This plan is projected out for 10 years, easier to measure/gauge, meant to be a living document.
- Increased emphasis on environment, risk reduction, and disparities.
- Plan contains a Call-to-Action section.
- Amy Chevalier: No updates
- David Huber: No updates
- Jackie Nixon:
 - Premier Youth Ambassadors for Radon Reduction (PYA) program has three new youth ambassadors. More information for PYA [ABOUT PYA \(002\).pdf](#)
 - Link to PYA application [2022-23 PYA application \[FINAL\].pdf](#)
 - Jackie introduced the Xperiential Program, looking for students 14 years and older who have an interest in radon, community involvement, art, and computers. Find more information here [2023 CR3 XPERIENTIAL Project-final.pdf](#)
 - Jackie is featured in a PSA for Radon Awareness Month as well as participated in the press conference at the capitol.
 - This is the link to the CR3 magazine [CR3 magazine](#)
- Eric Rothermel:
 - Pennie Tour is ongoing, focused on what was learned from the first year. Emphasis on the underinsured and housing facilities. Spanish literature is needed for some materials, particularly radon.
- Erin Moskel:
 - American Cancer Society's Empowered to Quit tobacco cessation program, this is an email-based program to help you quit smoking. It starts with the decision to quit and planning your Quit Day. [Empowered to Quit.jfif](#)
 - Erin shared the following materials
 - [Tobacco and Cancer Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
 - [TABACO Cuánto le cuesta .pdf](#)
 - [Lung Cancer Fact Sheet.pdf](#)
- Katie Noss:
 - American Cancer Society and the PA DOH are working together to discuss cancer screenings.
 - There are barriers to finding out who is eligible for cancer screening, and it is difficult for providers to calculate packs per year.
 - Brenda sent this link for providers to determine packs per year [Smoking Pack Year Calculator on the App Store \(apple.com\)](#)
 - Insurance eligibility for cancer screening is also a problem.
- Ronald Myers:
 - In response to Katie's updates, Ron offered the following comments:
 - Lung cancer screening rates have decreased, primary care physicians are not routinely having conversation with patients concerning screening.
 - The American College of Chest Physicians have developed an online training program specifically designed to address these problems. The training course is "Shared Decision-Making in Lung Cancer Screening". This is the link to the course <https://education.chestnet.org/url/product/92805.1>
 - This is a free 45 minute online accredited training course.
 - Medicaid **does** cover the cost of screening in PA.
- Lynn Heyman:
 - Lynn stated that her tobacco treatment programs include information on lung cancer screening.
 - Patients who have pulmonologists are usually getting the screenings that they need.

- Meredith Bigger:
 - The American Lung Association in Pennsylvania is continuing to promote the Quitline as well as ALA adult cessation programs.
 - Promoting Ask, Advise, Connect with providers
 - Promoting Ask, Counsel, Treat (ACT) to address youth cessation
- Mike Glantz:
 - Day at the Capitol is May 2, 2023, this will be an in-person event this year.
 - Opportunity to meet with legislators, bringing in Tobacco Resistance Unit (TRU) groups. The TRU movement can be found throughout all of Pennsylvania, created to help youth, between ages 12 and 18, stay tobacco- and nicotine- free.
 - More information to come.
- Nate Burden:
 - On MLK day, Nate and Jackie held a program in the Pittsburgh area, about 100 kids participated. This program focused on radon, radon testing, radon test kits were also distributed. This program was intended to introduce potential careers in environmental science.
 - Nate is working with the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, conducting a lung cancer study which consists of testing cancer patients for radon and Lead-210. This study also has placed radon devices in the patient's homes, these are now being retrieved.
 - Nate is presenting to the Health Equity Action Team (HEAT) in conjunction with Radon Action Month. Nate will discuss the challenges of getting people to test their homes for radon, marketing this as health risk reduction and awareness of the PA Radon Report Card. <https://aarst.org/Report-Cards/PA-Report-Card.html>
 - Working with the American Lung Association on a project that combines Radon and Tobacco Risk, combining these, risk goes up by a factor of 10.
 - Working on a STEM program for public schools. This will inform students how to protect their lungs, how the lungs function, the effect of smoking and radon.
 - Hoping to launch this online program in all PA school districts.
 - January 25th meeting with Women of a Healthy Environment on sponsoring a school bill was cancelled, rescheduling.
- Jamie Ruminski:
 - Radon poster contest winners [Radon poster contest winners link](#)
- Katie Sneeringer:
 - Still working on radon projects and establishing public tracking program, had some staffing issues but hopes to have a radon workgroup and contacts.
 - Finalizing some data analysis to identify hot spots to determine testing and mitigation allocation.
- Stacy Sowers:
 - Reached out to Women for a Healthy Environment.
 - Lorna assisted with providing a list of family-based daycares in environmental justice areas in Philadelphia. Promoting radon testing in these daycares, benefiting both the children enrolled in the daycare but also the family living in the home.
 - A small grant is available through Lorna to assist in becoming a greener daycare.
- Thurman Brendlinger: No updates.
- Denise Bleiler

DEP and Department of Health Joined by Lung Cancer Survivor to Encourage Home Radon Testing

January 09, 2023

Harrisburg PA – Leaders from the Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Health (DOH) were joined today by a lung cancer survivor to encourage Pennsylvanians to do a simple test for radon in their homes as part of National Radon Action Month

Speakers include:

Ramez Ziadeh, DEP Acting Secretary
Dr. Denise Johnson, Acting Secretary of Health
Robert Lewis, DEP Program Radon Manager
Jackie Nixon, Lung Cancer Survivor.

To help educate Pennsylvanians on the importance of testing their home for radon, DEP this month launched a public service announcement (PSA) that may be downloaded and shared: [Test Your Home for Radon: Jackie's Story](#).

[CLICK HERE for Audio, Video, and Photos for your News Stories and Websites](#)
[Other Articles that followed the Press Conference here:](#)

CBS3: Radon gas a problem in 4 out of every 10 Pennsylvania homes

<https://www.cbsnews.com/philadelphia/news/pennsylvania-radon-gas-levels-dep/>

Fox56: Pennsylvanians are urged to radon test in homes

<https://fox56.com/news/local/pennsylvanians-are-urged-to-radon-test-in-homes>

ABC27: Pennsylvania leaders, advocates encourage radon testing

<https://www.abc27.com/news/health/pa-leaders-advocates-encourage-radon-testing/>

CBS21: Officials warn of increased radon risk in Pennsylvania homes

<https://local21news.com/news/local/officials-warn-of-increased-radon-risk-in-pennsylvania-homes>

Pike County Courier: Home radon testing urged by lung cancer survivor, DEP, and Department of Health

<https://www.pikecountycourier.com/home/home-radon-testing-urged-by-lung-cancer-survivor-dep-and-department-of-health-DX2347445>

WTaj News: DEP, DOH encourage home radon testing for Pennsylvanians

<https://www.wtaj.com/news/regional-news/dep-doh-encourage-home-radon-testing-for-pennsylvanians/> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ace_0jTar4

Bradford Era: DEP and DOH, joined by lung cancer survivor, encourage home radon

https://www.bradfordera.com/news/dep-and-doh-joined-by-lung-cancer-survivor-encourage-home-radon-testing/article_26dd3056-f28e-5ab3-8bd0-a431d582599a.html

YourErie.com: 40 percent of PA homes have unsafe radon levels

<https://www.yourerie.com/news/pennsylvania-news/40-percent-of-pa-homes-have-unsafe-radon-levels/>

• **Other Resources:**

○ ALA Lung Health

▪ <https://www.lung.org/clean-air/at-home/indoor-air-pollutants/radon/radon-basics>

▪ <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan>

▪ <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-procedures-and-tests/ct-scan>

▪ <https://www.lung.org/lung-health-diseases/lung-disease-lookup/lung-cancer/saved-by-the-scan/resources>

○ ALA State of the Air Report - [State of the Air](#)

○ [State of Lung Cancer 2021](#)

• **CDC Resources:**

○ Lung cancer site page: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/>

- USCS DataViz: <https://gis.cdc.gov/Cancer/USCS/DataViz.html>
- Stat Bite: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/uscs/about/publications.htm>
- Feature (with syndicated content):
<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/lungcancer/>
- Survivorship podcast: <https://tools.cdc.gov/medialibrary/index.aspx#/media/id/303911>
- Infographics: https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/basic_info/infographics.htm
- Screening quiz: <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/lung/quiz/>
- Medscape screening video: <https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/870462>
- Simulations (including tobacco cessation):
<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/simulations.htm>
- Blogs: <https://blogs.cdc.gov/cancer/category/lung-cancer/>
- Citation Search Tool (can select lung cancer): https://nccd.cdc.gov/DCPC_SCS/index.aspx#!/
- Annual Report to the Nation (trends): <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/annual-report/index.htm>
- Tobacco Cessation Change Package: <https://millionhearts.hhs.gov/tools-protocols/action-guides/tobacco-change-package/index.html>
- CDC Radon Resource: [Additional Radon Resources | NCEH | CDC](#)
- CDC Radon Resource (Spanish option) : [Protect Yourself and Your Family from Radon | NCEH | CDC](#)

- **Additional Resources:**

- Healthy People 2030 Objectives. C-03 Lung cancer screening. 2020. Available at: <https://health.gov/healthypeople/objectives-and-data/browse-objectives/cancer/increase-proportion-adults-who-get-screened-lung-cancer-c-03>
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Decision Memo for Screening for Lung Cancer with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT) (CAG-00439N). 2015. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/nca-decision-memo.aspx?NCAId=274>
- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Lung Cancer: Screening. Draft Recommendation Statement. Update in progress. 2020. Available at: <https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/draft-update-summary/lung-cancer-screening-2020>
- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. 2017 Questionnaire. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/brfss/questionnaires/>
- American College of Radiology. Accredited Facility Search (Search Modality: Computed Tomography and Designation: Lung Cancer Screening Center).
 - Available at: <http://www.acraccreditation.org/accredited-facility-search>
- American College of Radiology. Lung Cancer Screening Registry (LCSR) State Level Comparisons. Available at:
 - <https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/Registries/Lung-Cancer-Screening-Registry>
 - (Note: To see Excel files with State Level Comparisons, click on the text “State Level Comparisons” located about half way down the Web page between the links for “Core Documents” and “Related Resources”)
- American Cancer Society. National Lung Cancer Roundtable Task Groups. Available at: <https://nlcrt.org/> (Note: Task Groups are located under the Menu for “About”)
- American Cancer Society. National Lung Cancer Roundtable Resource Center. State-based initiatives. Available at: <https://nlcrt.org/resource-center/#1583351864253-bf5f48e5-33e0>
- LuCa National Training Network. Available at: <https://www.lucatraining.org/>
- DEP Radon in the Home : [Radon in the Home \(pa.gov\)](#)